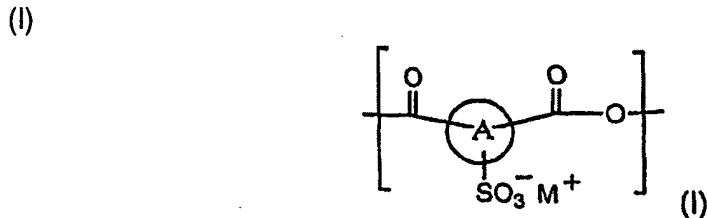


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

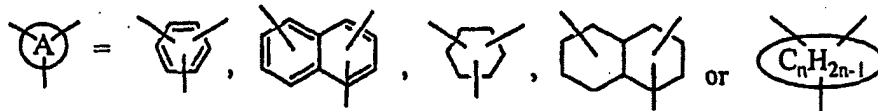
The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A parison or rigid container defining at least one wall and comprising a polyester resin comprising at least 85 Mol.-% of polyethylene terephthalate and at least 0.01 Mol.-% but not more than 5.00 Mol.-% of units of the formula



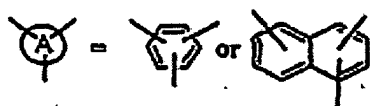
wherein



wherein n is an integer from 3 to 10; and wherein M^+ is an alkali metal ion, earth alkali metal ion, phosphonium ion or ammonium ion; and

wherein the polyester resin contains less than 5.0 wt.-%, of diethylene glycol and wherein the polyester resin contains Na_2HPO_4 in an amount such that a phosphorus content is 10 to 200 ppm (based on the weight of the polyester resin) and wherein the polyester resin is either free of or does not contain more than 9 ppm of NaH_2PO_4 , and wherein the intrinsic viscosity is 0.6 to 1.0 and the polyester resin has a natural stretch ratio (NSR) of less than 10.

2. (previously presented) A parison or container according to claim 1, wherein



3. (previously presented) A parison or container according to claim 1,



wherein

4. (previously presented) A parison or container according to claim 2, wherein the attachments to the phenyl ring are in 1-, 3- and 5- position and the attachments to the naphthyl ring are in 2-, 4- and 6- position.

5. (previously presented) A parison or container according to claim 1, wherein M^+ is Li^+ , Na^+ or K^+ .

6. (previously presented) A parison or container according to claim 1, wherein the Na_2HPO_4 (disodium monohydrogenphosphate) is in the form of the dodecahydrate ($\cdot 12 H_2O$).

7. (previously presented) A parison or container according to claim 1, wherein the polyester resin further comprises less than 10 Mol. -% of modifying agents.

8. (previously presented) A parison or container according to claim 1, wherein the NSR of the polyester resin is less than 9.6.

9. (previously presented) A parison or container according to claim 1, wherein the half time of crystallization of the polyester resin is greater than 150 sec at 200°C.

10. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, and having a longitudinal stretch ratio (SR_L) less than 4, and/or a hoop stretch ratio (SR_H) less than 3, and/or a planar stretch ratio (SR) less than 12.

11. (previously presented) A container according to claim 1, and having a fill volume less or equal to 1 liter.

12. (previously presented) A process of making a container by biaxially stretching in a mold a parison according to claim 1.

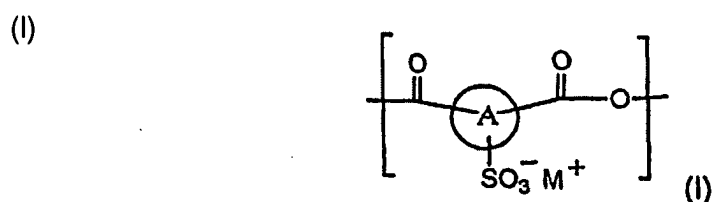
13. (previously presented) A process according to claim 12 wherein the parison is being biaxially stretched with a longitudinal stretch ratio (SR_L) less than 4, and/or with a hoop stretch ratio (SR_H) less than 3, and/or with a planar stretch ratio (SR) less than 12.

14. (previously presented) A process according to claim 12 wherein the parison is being biaxially stretched so as to form a small volume container having a fill volume less or equal to 1 liter.

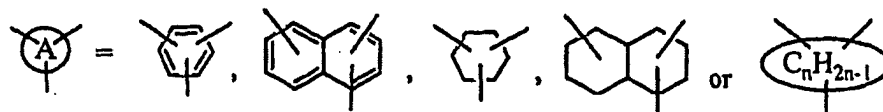
15. (previously presented) A parison or container according to claim 3, wherein the attachments to the phenyl ring are in 1-, 3- and 5- position and the attachments to the naphthyl ring are in 2-, 4- and 6- position.

16. (previously presented) A process according to claim 13 wherein the parison is being biaxially stretched so as to form a small volume container having a fill volume less or equal to 1 liter.

17. (previously presented) A parison or container defining at least one wall, wherein the parison or container comprises a polyester resin comprising at least 85 Mol.-% of polyethylene terephthalate and at least 0.01 Mol.-% but not more than 5.00 Mol.-% of units of the formula



wherein

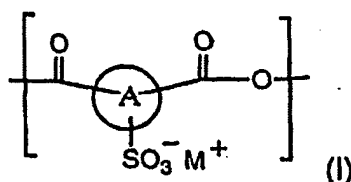


wherein n is an integer from 3 to 10; and wherein M⁺ is an alkali metal ion, earth alkali metal ion, phosphonium ion or ammonium ion; and

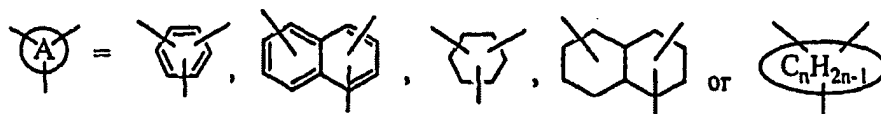
wherein the polyester resin contains less than 5.0 wt.-%, of diethylene glycol and wherein the polyester resin contains Na_2HPO_4 in an amount such that a phosphorus content is 10 to 200 ppm (based on the weight of the polyester resin) and wherein the polyester resin is either free of or does not contain more than 9 ppm of NaH_2PO_4 , and wherein the intrinsic viscosity is 0.6 to 1.0 and the polyester resin has a natural stretch ratio (NSR) of less than 9.6.

18. (currently amended) A biaxially stretched container defining at least one wall and having a fill volume of less than or equal to 1 liter, the container comprising a polyester resin comprising at least 85 Mol.-% of polyethylene terephthalate and at least 0.01 Mol.-% but not more than 5.00 Mol.-% of units of the formula

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wherein



wherein n is an integer from 3 to 10; and wherein M^+ is an alkali metal ion, earth alkali metal ion, phosphonium ion or ammonium ion; and

wherein the polyester resin contains less than 5.0 wt.-%, of diethylene glycol and wherein the polyester resin contains Na_2HPO_4 in an amount such that a phosphorus content is 10 to 200 ppm (based on the weight of the polyester resin) and wherein the polyester resin is substantially free of NaH_2PO_4 , and wherein the intrinsic viscosity is 0.7 to 0.9, wherein the polyester resin is biaxially stretched to a longitudinal stretch ratio (SR_L) of less than 4, and/or with a hoop stretch ratio (SR_H) less than 3, and/or with a planar stretch ratio (SR) less than 10 to form the container and the polyester resin has a natural stretch ratio (NSR) of less than or equal to 9.6.